

Calendar Year 2006
CENTRAL COMMAND

SAFESTAT REPORT

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Overview

During Calendar Year 2006, the Central Command had an 8.4% decrease in the total number of crashes when compared to 2005. The Command investigated a total of 1,433 crashes, 131 fewer than in Calendar Year 2005. There was a decline in all three severity categories, most notable being a 22% reduction in injury crashes. There were 40 fatal crashes in 2006, three fewer than in 2005. The number of persons killed as the result of the 40 fatal crashes was 50, seven fewer than in the previous year. Of those killed, 71.4% were not wearing seatbelts, which is up from 2005's 62.7%. This is despite the fact that the Command increased occupant restraint enforcement by over 15% in 2006.

Impaired driver crashes were down by 7% or 4 fewer crashes. This is a result of the Command having a 55.3% increase in impaired driving arrests prior to crashes.

Although commercial vehicle crashes continue to be problematic to the Central Command, these type of crashes were reduced by 8.4% or 25 fewer in 2006. However, the percentage of commercial vehicles involved in crashes remained unchanged from the previous year at 18.9%. Of the 271 crashes involving a commercial vehicle, the commercial vehicle driver was at fault in 168 or 62% of these crashes. Of the 271 crashes, 112 or 41.3% occurred on Interstate 80 with the remaining 58.7% occurring on secondary roadways.

Total enforcement activity showed a very significant increase of 28.4% or 11,666 more cited violations when compared to 2005. The Command experienced increases in enforcement activity every month of 2006 and the 5,509 violations in November was the first time the Command broke the 5,000 threshold. Speed violations increased by 24.8%, occupant restraint violations increased by 15%, and arrests increased by over 37%. The only area of decline was in hazardous moving violations which dipped slightly by 23.

Traffic personnel also conducted 6,445 Level 2 & 3 inspections of commercial vehicles and their drivers. This was an increase of 76% over 2005. This program continues to be a success.

Commercial Operations personnel conducted 1,392 more safety inspections during 2006 for a 23.1% increase. The increase in inspections also led to increases in the number of citations issued for safety violations and dyed fuel checks. Commercial personnel also increased the number of vehicles weighed by over 76%.

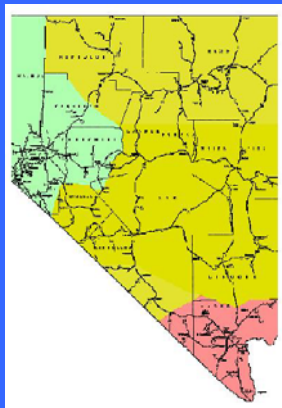
The increases in enforcement activity from field operations resulted in notable increases in the workload of the Communications Center and Front Office.

The efforts made by the Command's personnel throughout Calendar Year 2006 have resulted in improved highway safety and service to the public. The personnel of the Command need to be commended for their efforts, commitment and dedication to the mission of the Division.



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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	Calendar Year 2006	Calendar Year 2005	% Change
Total Crashes	1433	1564	-8.4%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	1017	1039	-2.1%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	376	482	-22.0%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	40	43	-7.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	53	57	-7.0%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	50	57	-12.3%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	15	19	-21.1%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	20	13	53.8%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	11	12	-8.3%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	3	7	-57.1%
Total persons killed -- seatbelts not applicable	1	6	-83.3%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	271	296	-8.4%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	200	216	-7.4%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	63	73	-13.7%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	8	7	14.3%

Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes

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2.8%

Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes

3.7%

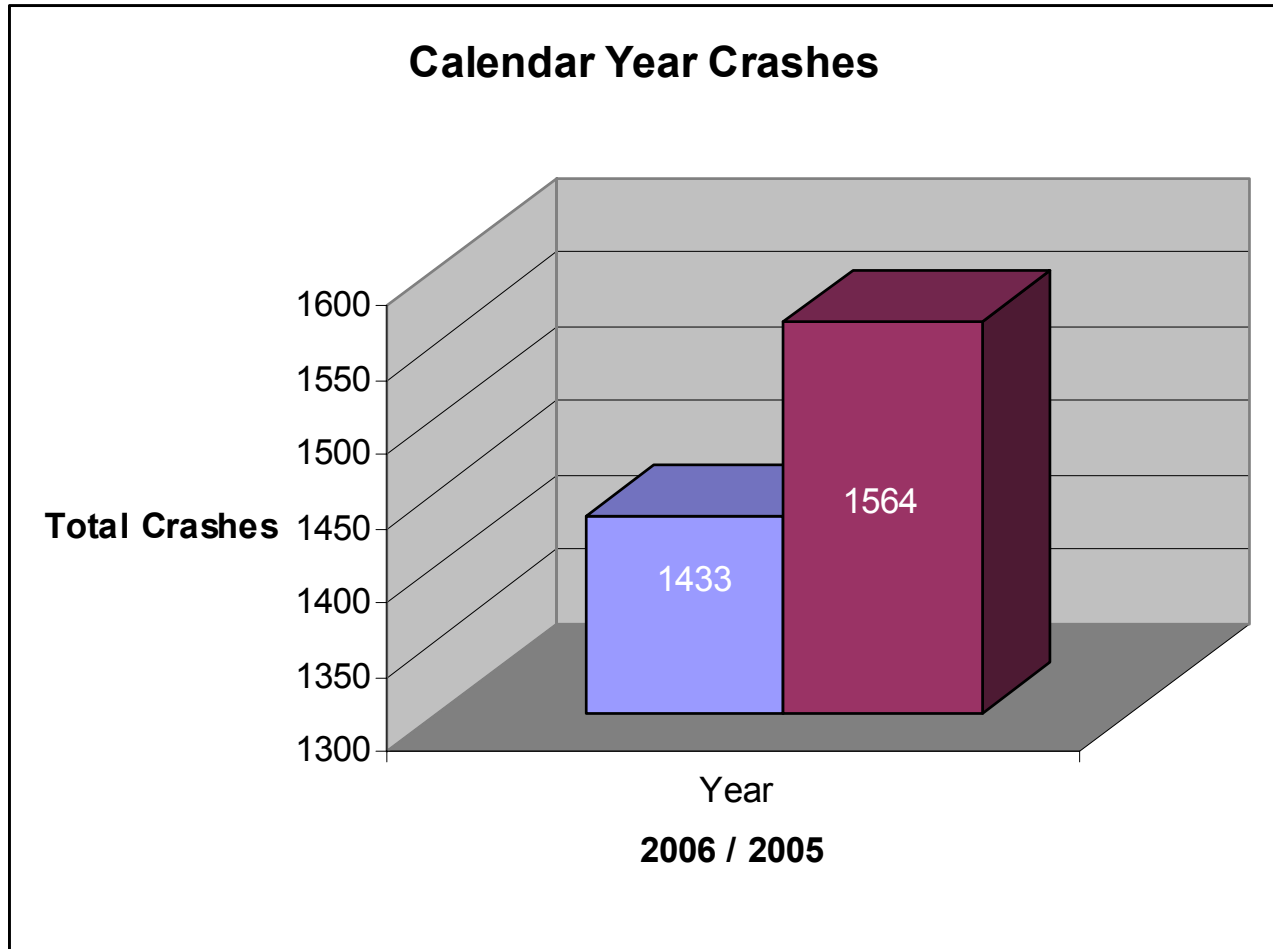
Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed

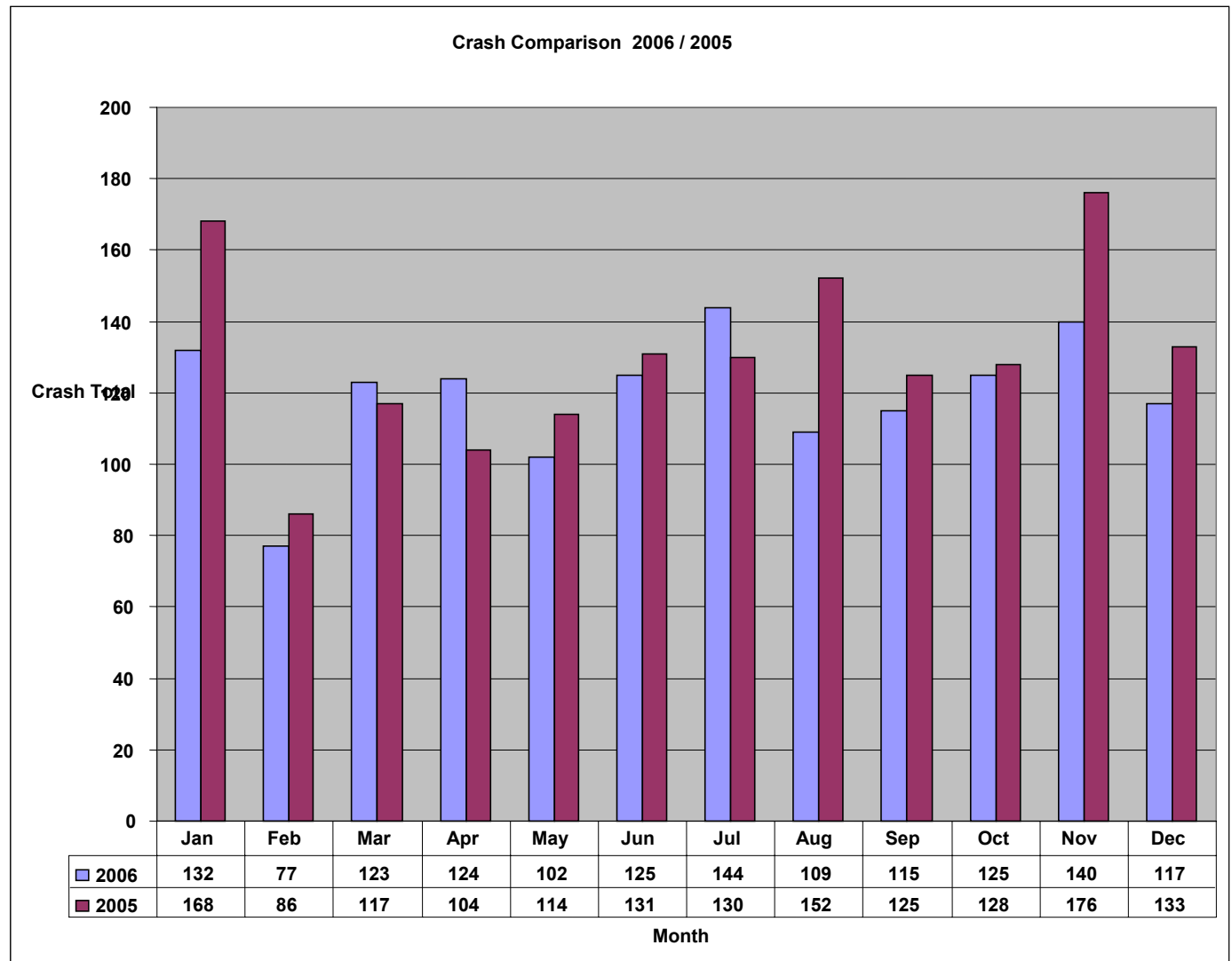
71.4%

Percentage of commercial vehicle crashes to total crashes

18.9%

- ☺ Total overall crashes for Calendar Year 2006 declined by 8.4% as compared to 2005. All severity categories experienced declines, with injury crashes declining by 22%.
- ☺ There were 3 fewer fatal crashes in 2006 that resulted in 7 fewer deaths. The alarming issue in 2006 was that the percentage of persons killed without seatbelts increased to 71.4% in 2006 from 62.7% in 2005. This is despite a 15% increase in occupant restrain violations in 2006.
- ☺ Crashes involving impaired drivers declined by 7%. The average BAC for drivers involved in crashes was .155. In 2005 the average BAC for impaired drivers was .174.
- ☺ Crashes involving commercial vehicles dropped by 8.4% in 2006. There were declines in property and injury crashes with one additional fatal crash involving a commercial vehicle. Of the 271 crashes involving a commercial vehicle, 168, or 62% were the fault of the commercial vehicle driver. This is up slightly from the 61.5% in 2005. Of the 271 crashes, 112, or 41.3% occurred on Interstate 80 with the remaining 58.7% occurring on secondary roadways. The overall percentage of 18.9% of total crashes involving a commercial is the same as in 2005.





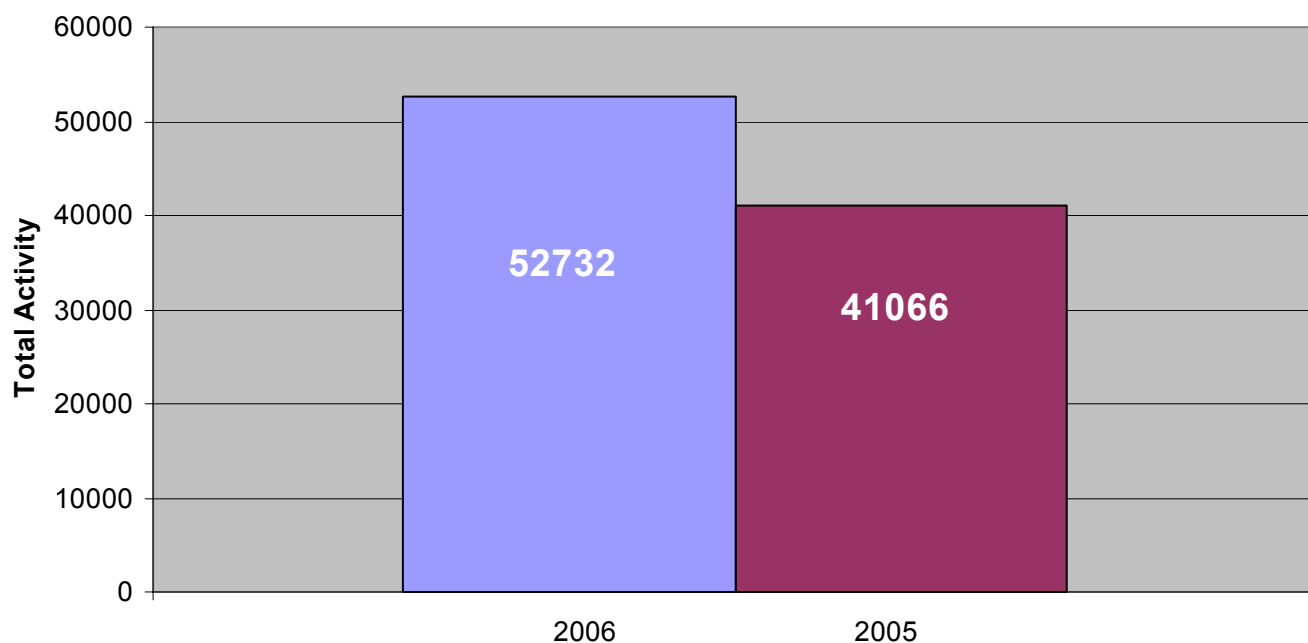
- 😊 During Calendar Year 2006, the Command experienced increases in crashes during only 3 months as compared to total monthly crashes in 2005.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

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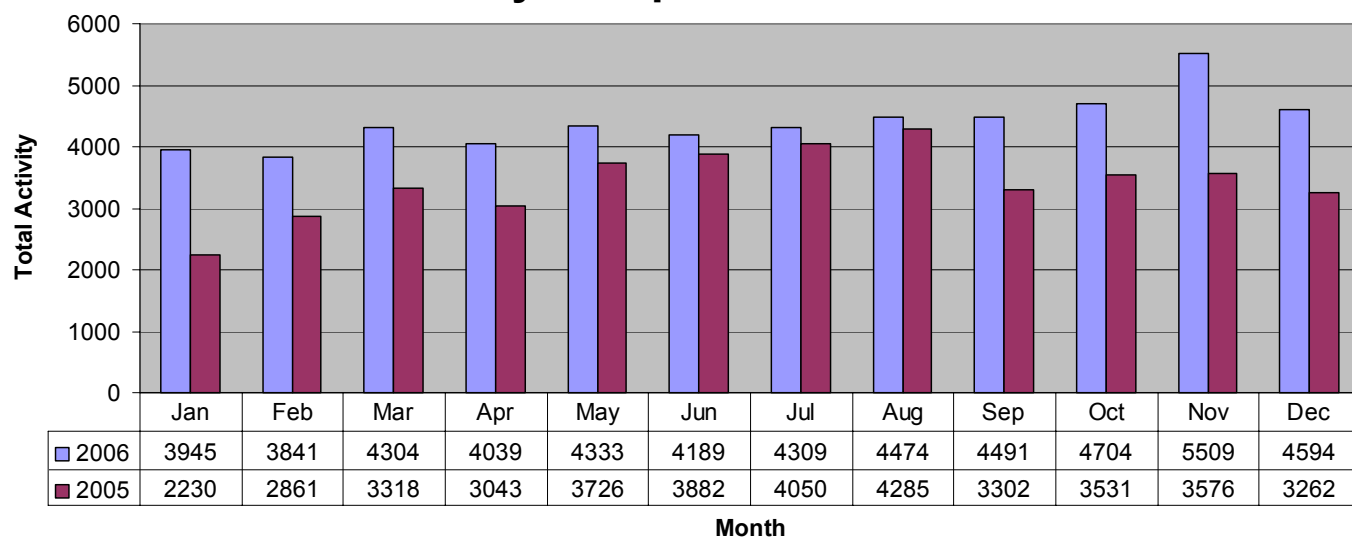
	Calendar Year 2006	Calendar Year 2005	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes	53	57	-7.0%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes	351	226	55.3%
Other Arrests	2048	1490	37.4%
Total persons arrested (DUI included)	1063	750	41.7%
Speed violations	28557	22885	24.8%
Hazardous moving violations	3101	3124	-0.7%
Occupant restraint violations *	4397	3819	15.1%
Total violations [above violations included]	52732	41066	28.4%
Commercial Enforcement			
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	548	517	6.0%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	231	222	4.1%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	7424	6032	23.1%
Terminal inspections [level 5]	2	5	-60.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	1604	1496	7.2%
Total safety violations -- repair order	10669	10797	-1.2%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	504	532	-5.3%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	359	358	0.3%
Total school buses inspected	372	421	-11.6%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	81	80	1.3%
Total trucks weighed	8798	4994	76.2%
Total overweight citations	131	187	-29.9%
Total dyed fuel inspections	6845	5730	19.5%
Total dyed fuel citations	0	3	-300.0%

Total Activity Comparison 2006 / 2005



- 😊 Total overall activity within the Command increased by 28.4% during 2006 as compared to 2005. There were increases in overall activity every month in 2006 as compared to 2005.

Total Activity Comparison 2006 / 2005



- ☺ All enforcement categories experienced substantial increases with the exception of hazardous moving violations, where there were 23 fewer violations.
- ☺ Arrests of impaired drivers prior to a crashes increased by over 55%. The average BAC was .152. In 2005 the average BAC was .194.
- ☺ Traffic Operations personnel continued with the commercial vehicle inspection program with excellent results in 2006 as compared to 2005. Traffic personnel inspected 6445 commercial vehicles and their drivers. These inspections resulted in the discovery of 8992 violations and resulted in 717 drivers being placed out of service. During the later portion of 2006, several Traffic Operations personnel became level 2 certified and began placing vehicles out of service. This program continues to show excellent results.

Commercial Activity [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]							
	Level 2/3 Inspections	Safety Violations Citation	Safety Violations Repair Order	Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	Vehicles Placed "Out of Service"	Dyed Fuel Inspections	Dyed Fuel Citations
	#	#	#	#	#	#	#
Calendar Year 2006	6445	2738	8992	717	82	5409	2
Calendar Year 2005	3661	1904	7089	419	0	2811	3
% Change	76.0%	43.8%	26.8%	71.1%	820.0%	92.4%	-33.3%

- ☺ Commercial Operations personnel conducted 7426 inspections in calendar year 2006 as compared to 2005 for a 23% increase. Despite discovering slightly fewer violations, the safety violations that resulted in citations being issued increased by over 7%. These inspections also resulted in a slight increase in the number of drivers placed out of service and a slight decline in the number of vehicles placed out of service.
- ☺ During 2006 Commercial Operations personnel inspected 372 school buses. Of the 372 inspected, 81, or 21.8% were placed out of service. This is up from the 19% in 2005.
- ☺ During 2006 there was a 76% increase in the number of vehicles weighed. This is a result of the purchase and utilization of weigh-in-motion scales. The number of overweight violations declined by almost 30%. Of the 8798 vehicles weighed, 1400 were weighed on secondary roadways during 2,647 hours of directed enforcement.
- ☺ With the increase in the number of inspections conducted came a corresponding increase in the number of dyed fuel inspections. During 2006, Commercial Operations personnel found no dyed fuel violations. Of the 6845 inspections conducted, 1972 were conducted on secondary roadways during 2,240 hours of directed enforcement.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	Calendar Year 2006	Calendar Year 2005	% Change	
COMMUNICATION CENTER				
Radio Transmissions	1,047,633	949,640	10.3%	
CAD incidents	141,133	123,851	14.0%	
Telephone Calls	114,349	148,739	-23.1%	
Call Box Incidents	310	294	5.4%	
FRONT OFFICE				
Accident Reports Processed	1373	1423	-3.5%	
Arrest Reports Processed	1074	705	52.3%	
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	255	177	44.1%	
COURT / WARRANT				
Warrants Received	3,974	3,323	19.6%	
Warrants Entered	4,039	3,132	29.0%	
Warrants Cleared	4,235	2,828	49.8%	
Warrants Validated	26,901	26,439	1.7%	
Extradition / Transports	87	76	14.5%	
EVIDENCE				
New Cases Submitted	469	369	27.1%	
New Items Submitted	1420	1,704	-16.7%	
Items Disposed	886	1,693	-47.7%	
CONTRACT SERVICES	Number	Hours		\$\$\$\$
2006 Contracts	140	5,259.6		\$332,835
2005 Contracts	139	5,863		\$346,868

- ☺ The Communications Center experienced gains in radio transmissions and CAD incidents generated. There is a decline in the number of telephone calls, however, the figures were unavailable for 2 ½ months due to console changes. Call Box Incidents were also unavailable for one month.
- ☺ Front Office personnel processed 17.2% more accident, arrest and officer reports during 2006 than in 2005.
- ☺ Court / Warrant personnel received, entered, cleared and validated more warrants in 2006 than in 2005. The increases were substantial in all categories.
- ☺ The number of new cases submitted with evidence increased by 100 in 2006. However, the number of items submitted with the 469 cases was 17% less than in 2005.
- ☺ There was one additional contract service in 2006 as compared to 2005, however, the total number of hours relating to these contracts declined by over 10% which led to a decline in the total revenue generated.
- ☺ Central Command personnel completed all of the required training during calendar year 2006. This is training required by the Division and POST.



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